GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INDIRA AWAS YOJNA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Indira Awas Yojna` was introduced mainly for the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether housing problems of the people belonging to Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribes have remained unsolved on account of inclusion of all the communities in the said scheme;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government propose to ensure accommodation for the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under the said scheme during the current five year plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)
(a) to (c): Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) was launched during 1985-86 with the primary objective to provide houses to members of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers. From the year 1993-94, the scope of the Scheme was extended for non-Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes belonging to below the poverty line. Under the existing guidelines, it is mandated that not less than 60% of the total funds under Indira Awaas Yojana shall be utilised for construction of houses for Below Poverty Line Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Thus,there is generally a substantial allocation available for construction of houses for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(d) & (e): Government has set a goal to end the shelterlessness by the end of the IXth Plan period and conversion of all unserviceable kutcha houses to semi pucca/pucca houses by the end of the Xth Plan period. A substantial benefits will accrue to the families belonging to Scheduled Castse/Scheduled Tribes.